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FOR: PLATFORM FOR INDUSTRIAL
INSTALLATIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR
HIGH-PRESSURE DESCALERS, EMERGENCY
SHEARS AND PENDULUM SHEARS IN
ROLLING MILL TRAINS OR THE LIKE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicants respectfully request that the documents listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08b be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the foreign language documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language documents is not readily available.

A brief description of the foreign-language documents is given below.

The documents submitted herewith were cited during opposition proceedings with respect to European Patent EP 1 715 966 B1 corresponding to the instant application.

In the Information Disclosure Statement, foreign documents cited in the Search Report were replaced where available, by corresponding U.S. documents.

U.S. Patent No. 6,539,972 corresponds to European Patent EP 1 100 634 B1.

German Publication DE 100 38 305 A1 discloses an apparatus for coupling and decoupling media lines (MZ) of bearing insertion pieces (LES) of rollers in roll stands comprises horizontally moving adjusting pistons (AK) or pressure pads of electromechanical adjustment devices arranged in a structure. A support (TR) for the coupling elements is arranged on and connected to the front side of adjusting pistons. Preferred Features: Media connections (MA) of the bearing insertion pieces assigned to the coupling elements of the support are arranged on a carrier plate (LT) inserted into the front side.

German Utility Model G 94 08 440 discloses an arrangement of the delivery, discharge and distribution conduits for liquid media in machine housings formed of closed or open framework. According to the invention, the rolling stands 1 and 2 have chocks (3, 4, 5, 6) which support rolls (17, 18, 9, 10) arranged in the stands. The conduits for media, such as lubricant and cooling means, necessary for operation of the machine are formed as elongate bores (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16) extending through the stand spars and opening into mounting plates (17, 18, 19).

HADEED finishing train (document 5) discloses an assembly with a machine and a platform for industrial installations (M1) with supply, discharge and distribution conduits which are connectable with respective stationary conduits of the machine (M2).\

The polygonal platform is arranged in an immediate proximity of the machine at adjustable distance therefrom and adjustable lateral and height position relative to the machine (M3).

Some of the connectable actuation elements apparatuses, drives, drive consoles, valve stands, and control elements (M4) are arranged on the horizontal base of the platform (M5) in accordance with their functions relative to the machine (M6).

HADEED Rolling Technology Publication (document 6) discloses an assembly with a machine and a platform (M1), and supply, discharge and distribution conduits connectable with the machine (M2). The polygonal horizontal platform is arranged adjacent to the machine at an adjustable distance therefrom at predetermined lateral and height positions relative thereto (M3), with the actuation and control. Elements, devices, drives, distribution locks, valve stands (M4+M6) being arranged on the horizontal platform (M5).

The New Integrated Flat Steel Production Facility (document 7) discloses a plurality of rolling stands associated with horizontal platforms (Figs. 3, 6).

Also cited was International Publication WO 02/24359 A1 that corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 7,028,523 of record in this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee required under 37 CFR§1.17(P) in the amount of \$180 and any further fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

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